Total number of children potentially eligible in target villages 470

Total number of children presenting for study; examined for eligibility 415

Away from village/ Declined 55

Exclusions: 10
Febrile 7
Previous blood transfusion 3

Total number of children included, questionnaires administered 405

Blood samples collected 401 (EDTA) 396 (Serum)

Presented with mother 374

Mother’s haemoglobin tested 364

1 Based on total numbers on Anganwadi centre list, health worker lists, and house to house survey (where lists inadequate). Village must be father’s or mother’s home, and child must have spent previous night in the village.

2 Total proportion of eligible children in villages presenting for study: 415/470 = 88.3%

3 Total proportion of eligible children included in study: 405/415 = 97.6%

4 Total proportion of included children who presented with their mothers: 374/405 = 92.4%